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## Georgia Battlefields Association tour set for 7-10 October in Macon

**Dates:** 7-10 October 2021. We'll be joined by our friend Jim Ogden on this year's tour.

**COVID policy:** Our goal is no COVID infections. The bus will display a notice that essentially says "Board at your own risk." While on the bus, everyone will wear a mask. We'll restrict the number of people on the bus to allow for some distancing. We hope to implement a system that enables you to hear the guides' narratives through your mobile phone so you can follow the bus in your own vehicle if you wish. We'll adjust to CDC guidelines current at the time of the tour.

**Sites:** Early days of the March to the Sea. On Friday, the Left Wing: Eatonton, Cobb Plantation, and Milledgeville, followed by a stop at Ocmulgee National Historical Park (NHP) to cover cavalry actions of July and November 1864. Dinner at Michael's on Mulberry in Macon.

On Saturday, the Right Wing: Old Clinton, Griswoldville, Griswoldville battlefield, Gordon, and Ball's Ferry. Dinner at Cannonball House in Macon. On Sunday, Rose Hill Cemetery and downtown Macon sites relating to the town's significance and Jefferson Davis' capture.

**Hotel:** Springhill Suites at 4630 Sheraton Drive. The hotel is at I-75 exit 171 and is visible from the interstate. Phone the hotel at 478 803 9100. **Note:** Do NOT press 1 for reservations. Wait for one of the hotel staff to pick up and ask for the Georgia Battlefields Association rate of \$99 per night, which with the unavoidable taxes is about \$119.

We'll begin as usual with a Thursday evening reception at the hotel. We'll start setting up around 5 p.m., hand out maps near 6 p.m., and conclude by 7 p.m. so you can head for dinner on your own. Typically, people renew acquaintances and head for dinner in small groups. A selection of restaurants is available at I-75 exit 169, two miles south on Sheraton Drive or I-75.

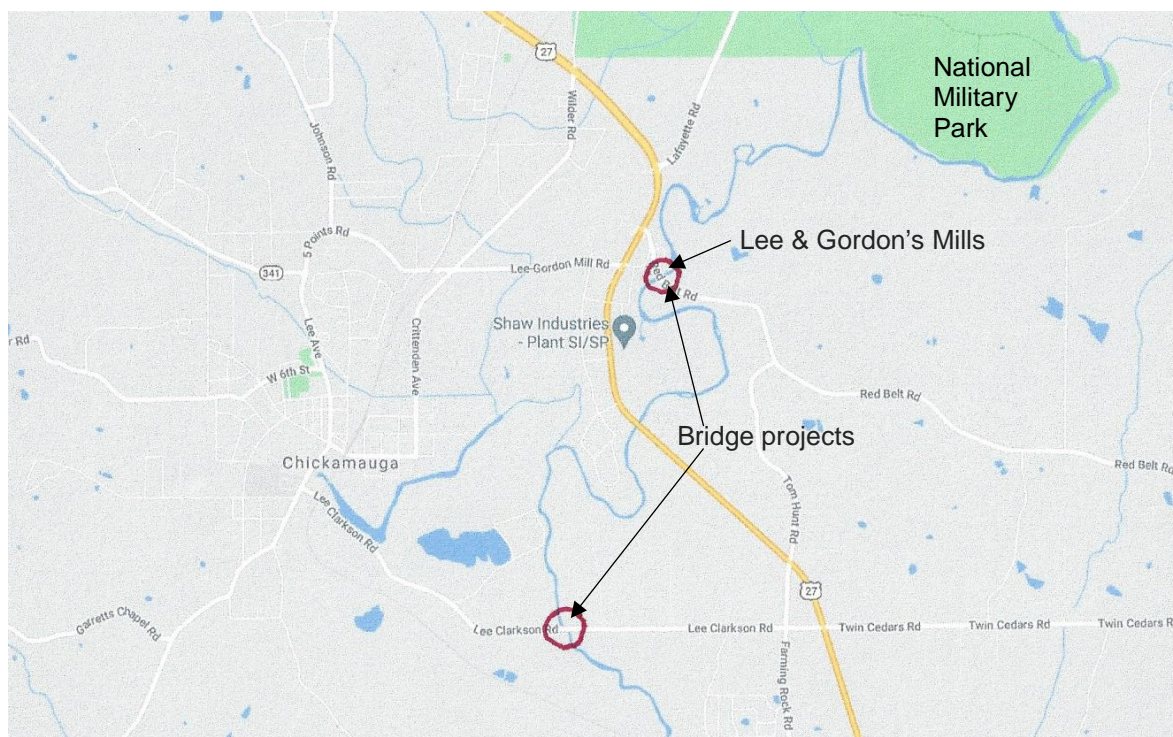
**Cost & Registration:** \$430. Register online at [www.georgiabattlefields.org/tours.aspx](http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/tours.aspx), or mail check payable to Georgia Battlefields Association to PO Box 669953, Marietta GA 30066.

## 2022 tour set for 31 March to 3 April in Savannah

We'll go back to touring in the spring next year, and we've set the dates as 31 March-3 April. We'll be based in Savannah, ten years since our last visit.

## GBA a consulting party on two more GDOT projects

Georgia Battlefields Association (GBA) has asked to be a consulting party on two more Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) projects. Both projects are to replace bridges over West Chickamauga Creek not far south of Chickamauga National Military Park. The more northerly of the projects is immediately south of Lee & Gordon's Mills. GBA is now a consulting party on ten GDOT projects, which is the most on which GBA has consulted at any one time.



## Monument vandalism continues

Over the night of 8-9 July, some person or group vandalized monuments on the Cheatham Hill section of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. The area contains the Illinois monument, a grave, and smaller monuments. A brief history of the monument, which predates establishment of the park, is at <https://www.nps.gov/places/the-illinois-monument.htm>.

Noted damage included a lewd image etched into the monument, discoloration from fire set at the monument base, burnt small U.S. flags, and carbon markings on the grave head stone. Over the 10-11 July weekend, the park staff repaired the damage so it's no longer discernible.



Left: Fire was set at the base of the monument and discolored the stone under the figure at left.  
Right: The small flag (left side of photo) at the grave is an example of those that were burned.

Defacing or destroying a monument in a national park is a federal crime, regardless of motive. If you have information about this crime, report it by calling or texting 888-653-0009, using the online form at <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1563/submit-a-tip.htm>, or e-mailing [nps\\_isb@nps.gov](mailto:nps_isb@nps.gov).

A government that controls the condition of a monument can establish the rules governing its display, including contextualization or removal. Many monuments have been removed, especially since the August 2017 incidents in Charlottesville. Georgia Battlefields Association believes that battlefield monuments should be in a separate category because they help people understand what happened at the site. Almost always, text on such monuments does not opine about the rightness or wrongness of the cause for which the men fought.

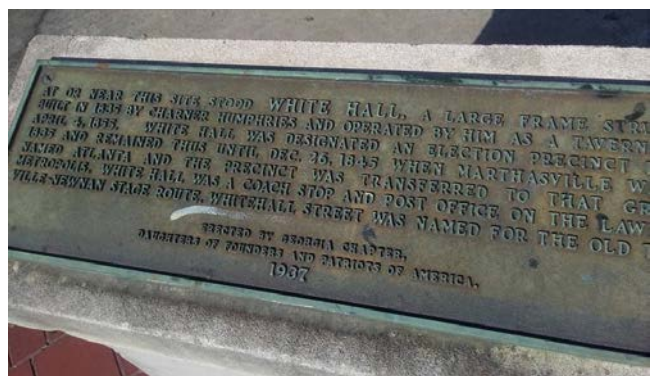
An additional act of vandalism occurred near the site of Whitehall Tavern in southwest Atlanta. A plaque was stolen from its concrete base, and the base was broken. The plaque was at the northeast corner of the Lee Street and Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard intersection.



Left: Broken concrete base.

Right: Plaque before it was stolen.

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